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EDITORIAL NOTES.

As a Club accomplishment, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club may feel a pardonable pride in the completion of Volume I of the BULLETIN, and a glance backward to the time of its inception is not irrelevant at this time. Formerly the Club secured uncertain space for its proceedings in current ornithological magazines until the expansion of the Club and the gradual contraction of its publishing space made this system of publication wholly impracticable. Then was the proposition to establish its own Bulletin brought before the Club. It was at first proposed to publish a quarterly of twelve pages, as the Club did not wish to attempt more than it could accomplish. However the more sanguine members favored a bi-monthly of sixteen pages, and as such the BULLETIN was launched, its success being at that time somewhat dependent upon the outside support it might receive.

Now, at the conclusion of the year, we find that the issues have ranged from sixteen to twenty-four pages each, issued promptly on the fifteenth of each publishing month, and financially the paper has far exceeded the success anticipated by its most ardent supporters. It is proper to remark that the numerous valuable papers presented during the year and the success of the BULLETIN itself, is due largely to the active interest shown, and aid extend-

ed the editors, by individual Club members. Without such united effort the Club could not have accomplished the work which it has, and to its members as well as outside supporters the editors express their appreciation. Under its new title, "The Condor," the magazine will begin Volume II, its editors feeling that the unique and briefer title will prove a material benefit.

One of the most notable published photographs of the year is that of the founders of the American Ornithologists' Union appearing as frontispiece in *Bird-Lore* for October. The plate is a composite one of photographs taken in or about 1883 and is unusually interesting as showing many of the now veteran workers at a time when they were actively engaged in field work and the making of ornithological history. Marked changes are observed in most cases when the photographs are compared with those more recently taken, and a number who grace the present plate have since passed away, among them being Spencer F. Baird, Major Chas. E. Bendire and Geo. N. Lawrence.

Through a fortunate coincidence we have received contributions from both Messrs. O. W. Howard and Richard D. Lusk on the nesting habits of the Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher in Arizona. We have accordingly given both papers space in this issue, feeling that an increased knowledge of the habits of this little-known species will be welcomed by ornithologists. Mr. Howard's notes on the Olivaceous and Buff-breasted Flycatchers also present many valuable facts new to science.

We devote a portion of our space this month to a "reverie" by Mr. John M. Welch, whose love for the "poetry of Nature" must have been shared by every true ornithologist who has sojourned in the timber-belt of the Sierras. After all, ornithology would lose much of its zest as a study, could we not constantly associate it with the activity of out-door life, and well 'tis so!

During 1900 the Cooper Ornithological Club will issue several special publications of special interest and importance to working ornithologists. This becomes necessary with the receipt of lengthy manuscripts—monographs in fact—which cannot be published entire in the BULLETIN, and which are in every way worthy of being given the importance of separate publications of the Club.

With the advent of winter evenings and abundant opportunity to peruse last season's note books, there should be an influx of absorbing papers, such as come only from the active field-workers.

The BULLETIN, although beginning its second volume under the new cognomen, *The Condor*, will remain under the same management as heretofore, being fully supported by the Club.